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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ON VICE PRESIDENT FORD

1. SOVIET DAILY PRESS HAS GIVEN BRIEF, STRAIGHT-FORWARD COVERAGE TO MAJOR STEPS IN NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION OF VICE PRESIDENT FORD, INCLUDING TWO-PARAGRAPH TASS REPORT ON SWEARING-IN PUBLISHED PRAVDA DEC. 8. FIRST EXTENSIVE BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH APPEARS IN DEC. 12 LITERARY GAZETTE, ACCOMPANIED BY USIS PHOTO SUPPLIED BY EMBASSY. SKETCH IS UNUSUALLY COMPREHENSIVE AND LARGELY FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH MILD CRITICISM IS IMPLIED IN ASSERTION THAT NO MAJOR LEGISLATION BEARS FORD'S NAME AND THAT HIS VOTING RECORD SHOWS OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION ON SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

2. ON QUESTIONS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO SOVIET READERS, LITERARY GAZETTE CITES FORD'S EMPHASIS IN CONFIRMATION HEARINGS ON PRESIDENT NIXON'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN FOREIGN POLICY FIELD. IT GOES ON TO QUOTE FORD INTERVIEW GIVEN LITERARY GAZETTE LAST SUMMER, WHEN HE SAID "I HOPE AND BELIEVE THAT TALKS BETWEEN MR. BREZHNEV AND

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MR. NIXON WILL BENEFIT SOVIET PEOPLE, AMERICAN PEOPLE AND

ENTIRE WORLD."
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